

Remarks on board Brig F. A. Barstow
Sept. 15

Comences with a light breeze from W. (California) with snow squalls. 9 vessels all cruising along the Pack. Latter part breezing up and wind hauling to N. N. W. at 6 P.M. Gammed Bk. California. Weather moderating.

Sept. 16th

A strong breeze from the N. N. W. all the vessels cruising along the pack. Saw Bk. Bounding Billow take a whale also Bk. Mermaid cutting, Reindeer, Triton and Wm. Baylies chasing with no success. Latter part, weather growing colder with plenty of frost-smoke.

Sept. 17th

Strong wind from N. N. W. all the day 24 hours, 10 ships in sight, and all cruising along the pack the same as ourselves but no whales seen by anyone to-day. Herald Island, S. W. by W. 30 miles distant. Latter part kept off and run along the edge of the Pack, and at dark hauled aback, very cold weather to-day and lots of Frost-smoke. 20 ends.

Sept. 18

Bk. Midas commences with light air from N. E. weather thick with frost-smoke. Gammed the Triton. Latter part wind increasing and hauling to S. E. Brig working to the Eastward.

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Sept. 19th

Begins with strong wind from the S. E. Brig with the other vessels all working to the Eastward. Middle part wind increasing to a moderate gale at 12 M. saw Bk. California, chasing a whale in success. Latter part wind moderating and hauling to East. 8 ships in sight. 20 ends.

Sept. 20

Light breeze from N. E. Brig cruising along the Pack, 10 vessels in sight, and several of them looked for whales but had no success, spoke Bk. Mermaid who reports the Bk. Beluga, from the Eastward of Pt. Barrow with 11 Bowheads. Beluga reports that 129 Bowheads were taken by the fleet there, at 6 P.M. Bk. Reindeer got a whale close to us. Employed to-day breaking out provisions and stowing salt water in the hold.

Sept. 21st

Comences with light air from Eastward. Made new lifts for F. T. sail yard. Saw Bk. Wm. Baylies cutting a whale, and Bks. Reindeer and A. Barker chasing, at 5 P.M. while gunning Bk. Sea Ranger she raised a whale and gave chase, but did not get him, at 11 P.M. a Bowhead came along side of us, but it was too dark to do anything with him. 20 ends.